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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--31 MARCH 1964

1. BRAZIL:

CHANCES FOR

A. EACH DAY SEEMS TO BRING/CIVIL WAR A LITTLE CLOSER.

B. IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT OPPOSITION ELEMENTS IN THE MILITARY LED BY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF CASTELLO BRANCO ARE IN FACT PREPARING FOR A MOVE AGAINST GOULART, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS THIS WEEK.

C. CASTELLO BRANCO'S GROUP IS TO BE CENTERED INITIALLY IN SAO PAULO, HEADQUARTERS OF THE SECOND ARMY. THE ARMY COMMANDER, GENERAL KRUEL, HAS LINED UP AGAINST GOULART.

D. ALTHOUGH THE MOVEMENT IS SPEARHEADED BY THE ARMY, THE PLOTTERS CLAIM THEY HAVE THE SUPPORT OF CERTAIN NAVAL AND AIR FORCE ELEMENTS. THEY SEEM CONFIDENT THEY CAN NEUTRALIZE UNITS WHICH MAY STICK WITH GOULART.

E. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE GOVERNORS [REDACTED] ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN PORTO ALEGRE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO FORMULATE PLANS OF THEIR OWN.

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F. AS THE ACTION DEVELOPS, THESE GROUPS WILL PROBABLY COALESCE.

G. GOULART IS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE OF ALL THIS. WHAT HE CAN DO ABOUT IT IS LESS CLEAR. HIS IMMEDIATE TACTIC IS TO UNDERCUT THE MILITARY BY ATTACKING THE DISCIPLINE OF THEIR UNITS.

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H. WHILE YESTERDAY HE APPARENTLY BACKED DOWN SOMEWHAT ON THE ISSUE OF THE NAVAL DEMONSTRATORS, LAST NIGHT HE MADE AN OPEN BID FOR THE SUPPORT OF BRAZIL'S NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

I. HE SAID ALSO THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR BASIC REFORMS AND WOULD "GO TO THE STREETS AND SQUARES FOR SUPPORT IF CONGRESS FAILS TO PASS HIS PROGRAM.

J. ALL THIS PLAYS INTO COMMUNIST HANDS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A GREAT VICTORY FOR THE PARTY AS MILITARY DISCIPLINE HAS BEEN GIVEN A "CRIPPLING BLOW."

K. THE PARTY IS ALSO MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR A GENERAL STRIKE SHOULD THE MILITARY MOVE.

2. SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE:

A. THE CHINESE HAVE UNBURDENED THEMSELVES OF YET ANOTHER ATTACK ON THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, WHICH, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SAID THIS BEFORE, SEEMS TO RULE OUT ANY POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE.

B. IN A VITUPERATIVE STATEMENT PUBLISHED YESTERDAY, THE CHINESE CALL ON ALL COMMUNIST PARTIES TO "REPUDIATE AND LIQUIDATE" THE REVISIONISM OF KHRUSHCHEV, "THE GREATEST CAPITULATIONIST OF ALL TIME."

C. THE CHINESE MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT IN ANY NEW WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE THEY WILL REFUSE TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS.

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D. IN FACT THEY NOW SAY THAT IN EARLIER MEETINGS IN 1957 AND 1960 THEY WENT TOO FAR IN MEETING THE USSR'S POINT OF VIEW. THEY NOW WANT THESE EARLIER RESOLUTIONS AMENDED, THROUGH JOINT CONSULTATIONS.

E. THIS CHINESE POSITION BEARS OUT THE VIEW OF THE ITALIAN AND OTHER PARTIES WHO HAD OPPOSED KHRUSHCHEV'S REQUESTS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CONFERENCE ON GROUNDS THAT IT COULD ONLY LEAD TO A GREATER SPLIT OR AN UNSATISFACTORY COMMITTEE PROMISE.

F. EVEN THOUGH THIS STATEMENT WOULD SEEM TO MARK THE END OF THE LINE, WE ARE NOT SURE HOW KHRUSHCHEV WILL REACT. HE HAS SHOWN REMARKABLE RESTRAINT SO FAR, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIS PROBLEMS WITH OTHER PARTIES MORE OR LESS ON HIS SIDE.

3. CONGO:

A. ADOULA IS [REDACTED] PLAN- 50X1
NING TO RESHUFFLE HIS CABINET AND TO DISMISS HIS DEFENSE MINISTER, ANANY.

B. SENSITIVE TO PUBLIC CRITICISM THAT HE HAS A "DO-NOTHING" GOVERNMENT, ADOULA HAS WANTED FOR SOME TIME TO WEED OUT MINISTERS HE REGARDS AS INCOMPETENT OR POLITICALLY DANGEROUS.

C. HE IS SAID TO BE IRRITATED WITH ANANY'S FREEWHEELING MANEUVERS TO PROMOTE HIMSELF AND HIS CONGOLESE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THE PREMIER IS PROBABLY ALSO AWARE OF ANANY'S TALK OF MOUNTING A COUP.

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D. NEWS OF HIS LIKELY EXCLUSION FROM THE CABINET MIGHT LEAD ANANY TO ATTEMPT A COUP, ALTHOUGH HIS PLANS DO NOT APPEAR FAR ADVANCED.

4. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. GENERAL KHANH SAYS HE WOULD WELCOME ANY CAMBODIAN DELEGATION TO SAIGON, BUT REJECTS SIHANOUK'S POSITION THAT SUCH TALKS DEPEND ON PRIOR GREAT POWER AGREEMENT TO CONVENE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREAT POWER "GUARANTEES."

B. DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL KHIEM RETURNED FROM TAIPEI FRIDAY FOLLOWING FIVE DAYS OF TALKS.

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D. A REVOLUTIONARY TRIBUNAL IN HUE HAS SENTENCED PHAN QUANG DONG TO DEATH. HE IS A FORMER HENCHMAN OF DIEM'S BROTHER CAN. THE SENTENCE IS UNDER APPEAL.

E. CAN'S TRIAL HAS BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF HIS ILLNESS, BUT GENERAL KHANH HAS SAID HE WILL NOT ALLOW CAN TO BE BROUGHT TO HUE FOR THE TRIAL IN ORDER TO FORESTALL POSSIBLE RELIGIOUS TROUBLES THERE.

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5. EGYPT-UK:

A. THE TWO COUNTRIES APPEAR TO BE DRAWING EVEN FARTHER APART.

B. EGYPT LAST WEEK NATIONALIZED BRITISH OIL INTERESTS. THESE INCLUDE JOINT SHELL-BRITISH PETROLEUM SHARES REPRESENTING ABOUT \$30 MILLION IN OIL FIELDS AND A REFINERY.

C. THIS FOLLOWED A STATEMENT EARLIER IN THE MONTH BY HOME JUSTIFYING BRITISH ACTION IN THE 1956 SUEZ CRISIS. NASIR RESPONDED TO THIS WITH PROPAGANDA ATTACKS AGAINST BRITISH BASES IN CYPRUS AND ADEN, NOT TO MENTION LIBYA.

D. BRITISH AND EGYPTIAN FORCES AND INTERESTS CLASH MOST DIRECTLY ON THE YEMEN-ADEN FRONTIER. LAST WEEK THE RAF ATTACKED A YEMEN FORT IN RETALIATION FOR A YEMENI (OR EGYPTIAN) RAID AGAINST AN ARMY POST IN THE ADEN FEDERATION.

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6. NOTES:

A. CYPRUS: GYANI HAS SCHEDULED A SERIES OF MEETINGS THIS MORNING WITH MAKARIOS AND KUCHUK IN AN EFFORT TO HEAD OFF FURTHER SHOOTING AT UN FORCES. YESTERDAY'S ACTION MAY HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO TEST THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED UN FORCES. UN OFFICERS YESTERDAY REFUSED A GREEK CYPRIOT DEMAND THAT THEY BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE BEFORE A UN PATROL IS MADE.

B. SOMALIA-ETHIOPIA: A MOGADISCIO BROADCAST CLAIMED YESTERDAY THAT SOMALI FORCES HAD CAPTURED US MADE WEAPONS AND VEHICLES USED BY ETHIOPIAN TROOPS ON THE FRONTIER. IT SAID THIS "GIVES THE LIE TO PREVIOUS ASSURANCES BY THE AMERICANS THAT THE MILITARY AID THEY GAVE ETHIOPIA WOULD NOT BE USED TO HARM THE SOMALI NATION."

C. SOUTH KOREA: THE PRESS IN SOUTH KOREA YESTERDAY REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED ON A "COOLING OFF PERIOD" IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN. THERE WAS ONLY ONE DEMONSTRATION IN SEOUL YESTERDAY INVOLVING 1,000 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ONLY ONE OTHER SMALL DEMONSTRATION ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY.

D. SAUDI ARABIA: THE GOVERNMENT RADIO HAS BROADCAST A DECREE SIGNED BY PRINCE FAYSAL STRIPPING KING SAUD OF "ALL ORGANIZATIONAL, EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND JURIDICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES," ALTHOUGH HE "REMAINS AS KING OF THE COUNTRY."

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E. NORTH VIETNAM: [REDACTED]

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F. PORTUGAL - COMMUNIST CHINA: GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PORTUGUESE NEWS MEDIA HAVE DEVOTED UNUSUAL ATTENTION TO COMMUNIST CHINA DURING THE PAST WEEK OR SO. EMBASSY LISBON HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THIS IS TRACEABLE TO A GOVERNMENT "SUGGESTION" THAT AN EFFORT BE MADE TO HELP PREPARE PUBLIC OPINION FOR RECOGNITION OF PEIPING, BUT IT MAY SIMPLY BE A PRESSURE TACTIC AGAINST THE US.

G. CAMBODIA: [REDACTED]

SIHANOUK [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PLANS TO VISIT PEIPING "SOMETIME IN APRIL," AND MAY VISIT HANOI AS WELL.

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LATE ITEM

BRAZIL: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AN "ANTI-GOULART REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT" LED BY GENERAL OLYMPIO MOURAO FILHO, COMMANDER OF THE FOURTH MILITARY REGION HAS BROKEN OUT IN MINAS GERAIS PROVINCE JUST NORTH OF RIO DE JANEIRO. A SIMILAR MOVEMENT IS EXPECTED TO ERUPT MOMENTARILY IN SAO PAULO. WE HAVE NOTHING FURTHER AT PRESENT AND RIO IS REPORTED QUIET. AMBASSADOR GORDON HAS REPEATED THIS INFORMATION.

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